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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement # 19 EO # 31

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in King Salmon with an update for Egegik and Ugashik District commercial fishermen, and announcement for Egegik District subsistence fishermen. The time of this update is **12:00 p.m.** and the date is **Thursday**, **June 27**, **2013**.

Catch from Tuesday in Egegik was 219,000 fish. Through June 26, cumulative catch is 2.0 million. Tuesday's tower counts were 2,000 sockeye with the cumulative escapement at 405,000. Allocation is approximately 15% set gillnet and 85% drift gillnet. It is the departments intent to take today off to allow additional escapement.

Subsistence fishing will be allowed in the Egegik commercial district from 12:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. Thursday, June 27 2013. Subsistence fishermen in Egegik are advised this is likely to be the last directed subsistence opener for the season.

Catch from Tuesday in Ugashik was 170,000 fish. Cumulative catch is 1.5 million. The counting tower is operational and counting fish; the midnight to 0600 counts are 3,600 fish. Inriver test fish indices continued a downward trend showing the effects of the commercial fishery. As previously announced only the set gillnet fleet will fish today.

Fishermen in both districts should stand by at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 28 for the next possible announcement.

This has been the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game in King Salmon.

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